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1. SUMMARY: MEXICAN PRESS REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MEXICO AND PRC SIGNED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT IN PEKING ON APRIL 22, PROVIDING THAT MEXICO WILL EXPORT \$30 MILLION ANNUALLY TO PRC WHILE IMPORTING \$10 MILLION. PRIMARY MEXICAN EXPORTS TO BE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY COTTON. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT
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MEXICO- PRC TRADE WILL SOON GROW TO THIS SIZE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING MEXICO CITY PRESS REPORTS, FOREIGN MINISTERS EMILIO O. RABASA OF MEXICO AND CHI PENG FEI OF PRC SIGNED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT IN PEKING ON APRIL 22. AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY WILL ENABLE MEXICO TO SELL 370 MILLION PESOS (\$29.6 MILLION) ANNUALLY TO PRC, WHILE PRC WILL SELL 125 MILLION PESOS (\$10 MILLION) TO MEXICO.

3. PRIMARY MEXICAN EXPORTS TO CONSIST OF COTTON, SULFUR, AND SUGAR. EL UNIVERSAL REPORTS THAT MEXICO WILL SELL 40,000 TONS (APPROXIMATELY 180,000 BALES) COTTON FOR 360 ACT AGAINST CABANAS. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS GROWING CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON TOURISM SHOULD CABANAS' ORGANIZATION MOVE AGAINST TEMPTING ACAPULCO TARGETS.

3. COMMENT: CONTRARY TO ROMAN ROMAN' S BELIEF OF CAMPESINO SUPPORT FOR GOM EFFORT, IT IS APPARENT THAT CABANAS AND HIS GROUP OPERATE FREELY IN GUERRERO. IMPLICATIONS ARE THAT LOCAL POPULACE, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, CONTINUES TO AFFORD CABANAS COVER. IT THEREFORE IS PROBLEMATICAL WHETHER ANNOUNCED NEW CAMPAIGN WILL BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN WERE PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO CAPTURE CABANAS.
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